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scape. Manoa valley in this vicinity has been aptly named "the valley of rainbows."

One of the most striking features of Honolulu is the dense, rich growth of vegetation. Some of the trees bear the most gorgeous flowers, and later on a great variety of pods, some of them being almost as large as a policeman's billet. The golden shower, with its large, drooping clusters of yellow blossoms, and the ponciana regia, with rich, red bunches of flowers, make the trees look like huge bouquets. There seems to be no end to the variety of foliage, even kinds that are very unlike grow on the same tree, like the koa (of which I gathered specimens) where the regular leaves are much like the small-leaved eucalyptus and the others like the algeroba. The immense banyans, with their wide-spreading branches and many tendrils shooting earthwards, were to me interesting studies. I often examined these thread-like appendages, that showed no life except at the extreme end, which has the appearance of a tender shoot. Both the Chinese and India banyans grow in Honolulu. The former have small leaves, the latter large ones. Both kinds are thick, green and glossy. There are two magnificent Chinese banyans in Mr. Afong's spacious grounds, and two very large India banyans in the Palace yard, besides others of large proportions in different parts of the city.

The long, shapely branches of the umbrella tree form a valuable shade, as in the Oahu prison yard, where hundreds can be seated under its shelter, and where religious services are generally held on Sundays. This kind of tree sheds its dense foliage and takes on new twice a year, requiring only about three weeks to make the change.

The monkey-pod is another tree with wide-spreading branches, rich in foliage and feathery blossoms. The fine, delicate leaves of the algeroba form a pleasing and striking contrast to much of the other foliage. These trees grow so plentifully that one would suppose them to be indigenous to the islands. They spring up wherever the seed can find lodgment. Many of them are large and look to be quite old, but, near the Catholic Church in Honolulu stands the oldest algeroba tree on the Hawaiian Islands. It was transplanted from one of the South Sea islands in 1837. Now they abound, even where nothing else seems to thrive. The pods, when ripe, fall from the trees and are gathered for food for cattle and horses. They are from six to ten inches in length, are sweet to the taste and contain much nourishment. The seeds are very hard and about the size of an apple seed. These are characteristics of many of the seeds of the trees here that belong to the order Leguminosae. The leaves of the monkey-pod, tamarind, algeroba and some others "go to sleep," as the Hawaiian say, towards evening and remain closed until morning.

The papayas are cultivated for their fruit, which resembles a small yellow squash and tastes some like a melon. The coconut groves on these islands are of wonderful growth, and often attain great height and centuries of age. One grove in Waikiki is said to have been planted over 200 years ago. These trees present a most singular appearance, having a few leaves and the fruit at the top of the naked trunk which leans, near the base, as though it was tired, and then stretches up in the air to an unmeasured height.

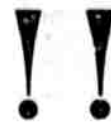
The young shoots of the bamboo grow so rapidly, that it was told me as a fact, that the natives when gathering them to make fans, souvenirs, etc., would stay near by these trees in order to get the young shoots before they were too old, as

they would be of no use after being over four or five days above ground.

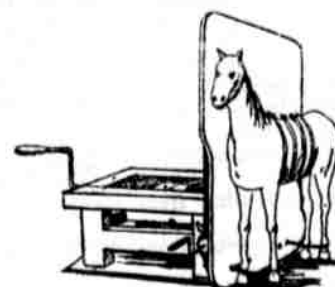
The variety of palms is quite bewildering to a stranger. There are the royal, date, wine, fan, and traveller's palms, all of which add much to the tropical appearance of the islands.

To be concluded to-morrow.

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